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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Welzow Airfield

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EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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DATE PREPARED 18 November 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. On 25 September 1953, 14 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were counted at Welzow airfield. Construction work was being done on the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments.
2. Since late September, air activity has been considerably reduced. On 30 September, swept-back jet fighters were parked at the field. [REDACTED] construction work was nearing completion. A portion of the construction workers had already been transferred to the Foundry Combine East in Fuerstenberg.<sup>1</sup>
3. On 28 and 29 September, about 450 Soviet officers and M4 left Welzow by rail and motor vehicle toward Cottbus. The soldiers carried baggage but no weapons. [REDACTED] some soldiers with whom he was acquainted had left for good.<sup>2</sup> [REDACTED]
4. Between 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on 12 October, no air activity was observed at the field. Six MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked in line with the flight control station and AA guns and trucks were observed on the apron in front of the garage.
5. Improvement work was being done on the road which runs south of the old flight control station to the east, east of the railroad line. The building implements which had been used on the buildings north of the spur track, which meanwhile were completed, were being shipped away. The concrete mixers were being disassembled. A board fence, about 2 meters high, was under construction around the apron in front of the garage.<sup>1</sup>
6. The radio installation with one mast near Petershain still existed, while the other radio installation with one mast northeast of the runway near the west exit of Welzow had been removed. A radio truck of type AA No 4 MK 3 (V) was parked in the northern corner of the field near the Bahnsdorf Settlement. This radio truck could not be observed after 5 p.m. from the western edge of the field.<sup>3</sup>
7. One large searchlight was located at the northern end of the runway, and one near triangulation point 120.5 west of Welzow. Two additional searchlights were observed at the southwestern end of the runway. Seven smaller searchlights were seen between the north end of the runway and triangulation point 120; the poles on which the lights were fitted increased in height toward the northeast. [REDACTED]

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1.  Comment. Welzow airfield is believed to be still occupied by the unidentified fighter regiment which had been stationed in Koethen prior to approximately mid-August 1953. From the light occupation observed on 12 October 1953 it appears possible that the bulk of the regiment participated in the maneuvers held by the Eighth Gds Army in Thuringia between 10 and 15 October 1953.

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2.  Comment. No information has been received on the purpose or destination of the shipment. It appears possible that personnel were being rotated.

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3.  Comment. The radio installations were reported previously. For location,

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